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Conservation Commission Minutes 11/15/2007

ARLINGTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES NOVEMBER 15, 2007

Mr. Stevens called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the second floor conference room of the Town Hall Annex. Present were Nathaniel Stevens, David White, Charles Tirone, William O'Rourke of the Commission as was Associate Member Ezra Benjamin. Ellen Reed, Tim Sullivan and Catherine Garnett of the Commission were not in attendance. John Downie, Tina and George Pappas attended for the project at 67 Beverly Rd. Joe Avenill, Chief Engineer for Hawthorne Suites was present for the work at 1 Massachusetts Ave (formerly 19 Massachusetts Ave).

7:30 p.m. - COMMISSION BUSINESS

Members of the Commission attended meetings regarding the draft FEMA report and changes to the floodplain.

Ms. Beckwith sent letter to Villandry Construction regarding building maintenance at 91R Mystic St.

The Board of Selectmen approved a trial project to plow and sand the Bikepath this winter.

Trees were planted at the Arlington Reservoir by Heimlich. This is only part of the entire work, which will be completed next growing season.

7:45 pm – 67 BEVERLY RD – NOTICE OF INTENT for addition

Mr. Downie presented the plans to construct an addition to the rear of the existing house which is located within 100 feet of the Lower Mystic Lake.

The new foundation will be constructed no closer to the Lake than the existing wood deck and the floodplain will not be impacted with the proposed work. The yard slopes up considerably to the house.

The work will require the cutting of one tree within the Buffer zone. They will replant one tree.

O'Rourke/White motioned to approve the proposed project which includes the replanting of one tree; motion passed unanimously.

8pm – 1 MASSACHUSETTS AVE – NOTICE OF INTENT for a basketball court

Mr. Avenill presented the proposed half basketball court at the rear of the existing hotel. The work is within the outer Riverfront Area to Alewife Brook and increases the amount of impervious surface. There are extensive stormwater BMPs on the site already, so the work will include additional plantings of 10 shrubs and 2 trees.

White/O'Rourke motioned to approve the proposed court with the mitigation of 10 shrubs and 2 trees; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Avenill reported that he has on file the operation and maintenance records for the Stormceptor unit.

COMMISSION BUSINESS (cont.)

Meeting adjourned at 10 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Corinna Beckwith
Administrator